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Run of Program

PERFORMANCE OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM
Craiana Cleveland
Master of Music, '24

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS
President Kathy E. Johnson, Ph.D.
The University of New Orleans

HONORARY SPEAKER
Michael D. Jackson
District Manager, Public Realm & Special Projects,
Energy Corridor District
Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering, '01

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

READING OF THE GRADUATES

ALUMNI ADDRESS
Annie S. Juttner
Bachelor of Science,
Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Administration, '08

Letter from the President

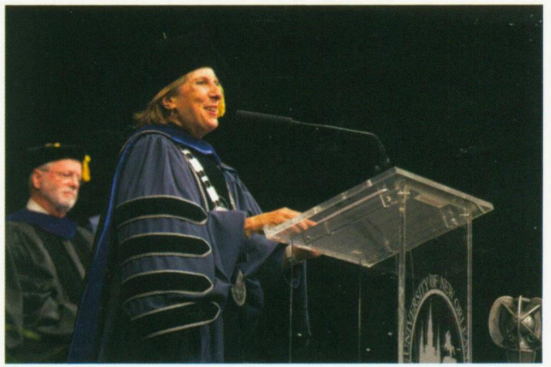
Dear Graduates,
This is a truly momentous occasion, and I am confident that you will remember this milestone for the rest of your life. It is my privilege to participate in the celebration of your success. I hope that you will cherish your time spent at the University of New Orleans and the deep connection that you have forged with your alma mater. That bond is now stronger than ever. Please know that we, the entire University of New Orleans community, are immensely proud of your accomplishments.

Each degree earned represents years of determination by a graduate who persisted, regardless of academic challenges, financial obstacles, work obligations or family responsibilities. I want to draw special attention to the graduates who first enrolled in the fall or spring of 2020 at the height of the pandemic. Many of you did not have a true high school graduation ceremony. You entered UNO at a tumultuous time when everything was different and very few of your interactions were face-to-face. Hardships were omnipresent. But you persevered and now you are graduating. I could not be more thrilled to honor you and your indomitable spirit at this commencement ceremony.

Fortunately, your relationship with the University does not end today. We are here to support our alumni in any way possible, and I hope that you will continue to engage with us. While you may feel as though you have concluded your education, the truth is we are never finished learning. A lifelong pursuit of knowledge is endlessly fascinating and fulfilling. If we can be part of your future educational pursuits, whether it be another degree or graduate education, please let us know.

My aspiration is for you to achieve success—however you define it, to find your passion in your life and in your career, and for you to do what you can to make our world a better place. The journey you have shared with others at the University of New Orleans is the foundation for the next phase of your life. You have now earned a degree that can take you as far as you are willing to go. I offer you my heartfelt congratulations.

Dr. Kathy Johnson, President
The University of New Orleans



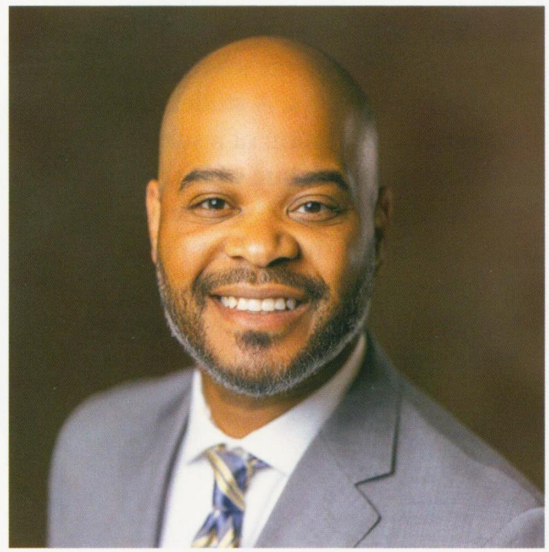
Commencement Speaker Michael D. Jackson

University of New Orleans alumnus Michael D. Jackson is an engineer and project manager who has managed multi-million-dollar construction projects and earned the Air Force Civilian Achievement Award during his nearly 25-year career. Jackson is currently district manager of public realm and special projects at the Energy Corridor District, a Houston business hub that is home to some of the world's largest energy companies, as well as medium and small start-up, tech and engineering firms. In this role, he oversees beautification and maintenance; management of consultants, design and projects; and transportation and mobility for the district. Prior to his current position, he was a federal project manager for HDR, managing design for federal agencies including the U.S. Navy, U.S. Air Force, Coast Guard, National Guard and U.S. Army.

In 2022, Jackson completed a 20-year federal civilian career, last holding the position of construction technology subject matter expert for the U.S. Air Force. In that capacity, he provided the Air Force with expertise on construction specifications, facilities criteria, acquisitions and industry tools to build needed infrastructure and facilities. He was previously employed at the Department of Veterans Affairs and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. During his 12 years with the Department of Veterans Affairs, he was one of the resident engineers who managed the construction of the $1 billion VA New Orleans Medical Center project. He was the lead engineer for the $90 million inpatient building.

In 2016, Jackson began working for the U.S. Air Force, Air Force Civil Engineer Center at Tyndall Air Force Base, located near Panama City, Florida. During that time, he successfully managed a $3.4 million facility assessment contract, which provided facility inspection data for 42 installations across the U.S. His work was recognized by Air Force leadership and resulted in the presentation of the Civilian Achievement Medal Award, which recognizes outstanding achievement and meritorious service.

A native of Baton Rouge, Jackson earned a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of New Orleans in 2001 and a Master of Science in Management from Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, NJ. He is a graduate of the Air Command and Staff College and the Air War College, both at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama. He is also the incoming president of the UNO Alumni Association.



University of New Orleans Mission Statement

The University of New Orleans is an urban research university committed to providing educational excellence to a diverse undergraduate and graduate student body. The University is one of the region's foremost public resources, offering a variety of world-class, research-based programs, many of which are uniquely linked to the rich and vibrant city of New Orleans. The University of New Orleans, as a global community asset, advances shared knowledge and enhances the sustainability and quality of life in New Orleans, the state, the nation, and the world, by participating in a broad array of research, community-engaged learning, cultural and academic activities.

Academic Honors

The University of New Orleans recognizes undergraduate students who attain academic honors in three ways. A student may pursue the normal curriculum of a subject area and obtain honors by virtue of high grades. The three designations in this category: summa cum laude (with the highest praise), requiring an overall grade-point average of 3.900-4.000; magna cum laude (with great praise), requiring an overall grade-point average of 3.700-3.899; and cum laude (with praise), requiring an average of 3.500-3.699.

A student may also graduate with University Honors in the particular field. This achievement requires the student to earn 18 credit hours of honors-qualifying coursework, maintain a grade-point average of at least 3.5 in their major and at least a 3.25 overall.

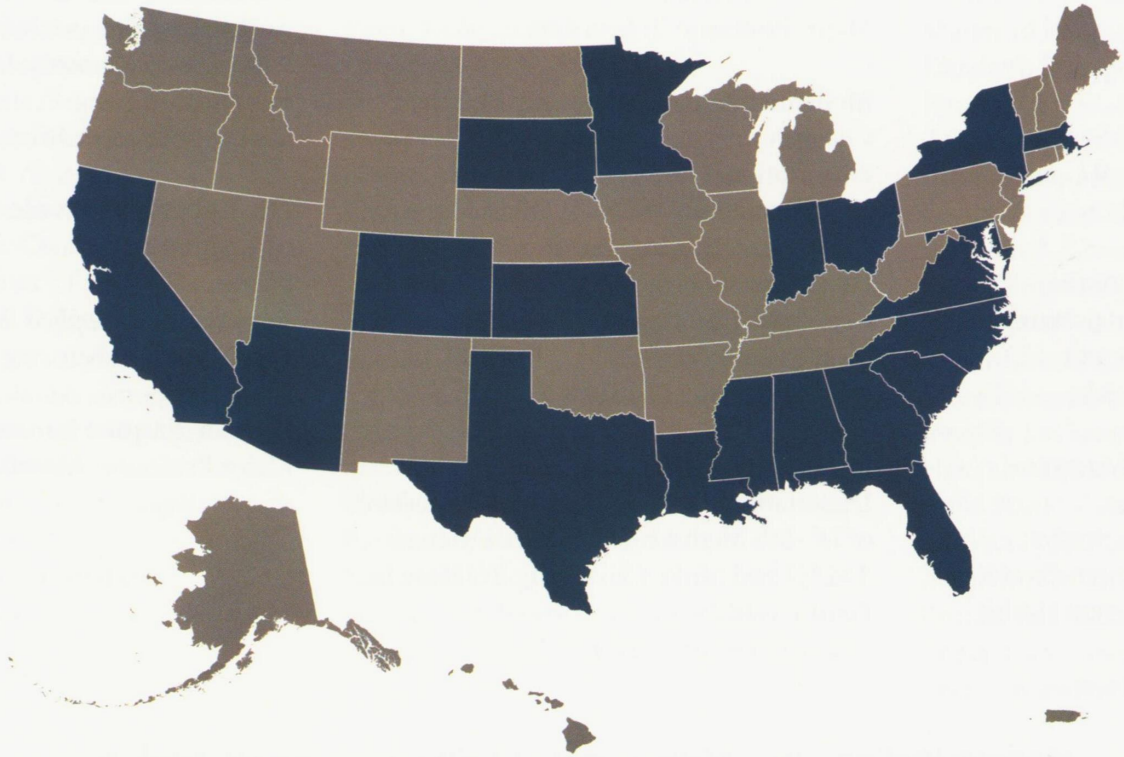
To graduate with University Honors with Thesis in a particular field, requires the same requirements as University Honors with the addition of a six-credit hour senior honors thesis in their major (applying toward the 18 credit hours of honors qualifying coursework).

Where We're From!

States

Fall and Summer 2024 graduating classes come from Louisiana and the following 19 U.S. states and territories:

Alabama	Florida	Maryland	New York	South Dakota
Arizona	Georgia	Massachusetts	North Carolina	Texas
California	Indiana	Minnesota	Ohio	Virginia
Colorado	Kansas	Mississippi	South Carolina	



Doctor of Philosophy Degrees

College of Liberal Arts, Education and Human Development

Samuel Firmin *Educational Administration*
Dissertation: Examining the Impact of Eds and Meds Anchor Institutions on Local Communities: A Mixed Methods Case Study on University Medical Center New Orleans
Major Professor: Christopher Broadhurst

Terri Madere Howard
Educational Administration
Dissertation: Mission Possible: Motivating Students Toward High School Completion
Major Professor: Brian Beabout

Carol Tanya Lunn* *Urban Studies*
Dissertation: Environmental Sustainability in Universities of the Gulf South
Major Professor: Bethany Stich

Kimberly Paige *Counselor Education*
Dissertation: An Interpretive Phenomenological Analysis Study: The Children of Black Southern Protestant Theological Leaders and Mental Health Implications
Major Professor: Zarus Watson

College of Sciences

Anastasia Magdalena Konefal
Integrative Biology
Dissertation: Genetic Aspects of Resilience in the Foundational Seagrass Halodule wrightii: The Role of Genetic Variation and Gene Expression in Maintaining Primary Production
Major Professor: T. Erin Cox

Mohamed Ramadan Abdelaty Elsheref
Chemistry
Dissertation: Photochemical Transformations of Crude Oil in Marine Environments: Temporal and Thermal Dynamics of Oxygenated Photoproducts, Genotoxic Effects, and Heavy Metal Mobilization
Major Professor: Matthew Tarr

Iurii Kurerov* *Chemistry*
Dissertation: Development and Validation of LC-MS Methods for the Detection of TMAO and Multi-Class Drug Residues in Food Products
Major Professor: David Podgorski

Mahaut Victoire Sorlin *Integrative Biology*
Dissertation: Survival of the Smartest? The Evolutionary Ecology of Cognition in Anolis Lizards
Major Professor: Simon Lailvaux

Anna G Warner *Applied Psychology*
Dissertation: Effects of Early-Life Acetaminophen and Interleukin-1B Exposures on Anxiety, Motor, and Play Behaviors in Long-Evans Rats
Major Professor: Christopher Harshaw

Dr. Robert A. Savoie College of Engineering

Sharmin Aktar
Engineering & Applied Science
Dissertation: Advancing Network Security: Attack Response, Anomaly Detection, and Domain-Adaptive Intrusion Detection Systems
Major Professor: Abdullah Yasin Nur

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Henry Berstein College of Business Administration

Abeer Awad H Alqayidi *Financial Economics*
Dissertation: Oil Price Volatility vs. Sustainable Investment
Major Professor: Mohammad Kabir Hassan

Zeynullah Gider *Financial Economics*
Dissertation: Climate Change, House Prices and Inequality in the United States
Major Professor: Mohammad Kabir Hassan

Mashuk Sarwar Rahman
Financial Economics
Dissertation: Climate Change, Sustainability, and Pricing Risks
Major Professor: Neal Maroney

Master's Degrees

College of Liberal Arts, Education and Human Development

Master of Fine Arts

Leon Gisclair, *Film & Theatre*
Aaron Muse, *Film & Theatre*
Valerie Palacios, *Creative Writing*
Luca Van Der Heide, *Creative Writing*
Christopher Romagosa*, *Film & Theatre*
Madison Smith, *Film & Theatre*

Master of Arts

Kathleen Berger, *Romance Languages*
Jesse Cunningham, *English*
Staci Dennison, *Romance Languages*
Melissa Duet, *English*
Nathalie Dupont, *Justice Studies*
Dillon Eldridge, *English*
Daniel Hatch, *English*
Katherine Kahlenberg, *English*
Kevin Kelly, *English*
Patrick McDade, *English*
Shelby Oliver, *Sociology*
Tava Pesko, *Romance Languages*
Elliott Stamps, *History*
Kathryn Torrago, *History*
Larry Williams, *Romance Languages*

Master of Arts in Teaching

Lindsay Mitchell,
Special Education Early Intervention Birth-5
Gracie Novotny,
Elementary Education Grades 1-5
Elizabeth Stevens,
Elementary Education Grades 1-5
Nathaniel Wood,
Secondary Education Grades 6-12

Master of Education

Elizabeth Buenger, *Educational Leadership*
Ebone` Canty*, *Higher Education Administration*
Bianca Chappel, *Counselor Education*
Daniel Cook, *Counselor Education*
Beth Deis*, *Counselor Education*
James Glisson, *Higher Education Administration*
Jessica Hausladen, *Higher Education Administration*
Ciera Leboeuf, *Counselor Education*
Jennifer LeCompte*, *Counselor Education*
Hannah Mendoza*, *Educational Leadership*
Anna Mott*, *Counselor Education*
Chrysta Porter*, *Higher Education Administration*
Brooke Roussell*, *Educational Leadership*
Trang Tran, *Counselor Education*
Tyler Vaughn*, *Counselor Education*

Master's Degrees

Master of Music
Craiana Cleveland
John Renshaw
Dean Smith

Master of Public Administration
Kimberly James

Master of Science
Destiny Brown, *Urban Studies*
Carrie Donchez, *Transportation*
Emily Gallo, *Urban Studies*
Brittany Waggener, *Urban Studies*

Master of Urban and Regional Planning
Maddux Campo
Peter Folger
Alexander Lazard
Alexandra Weir

Graduate Certificate Disaster Management & Community Resilience
Farah Bigdeli
Maddux Campo

Graduate Certificate Historic & Cultural Preservation
Christine Halling
Kathryn Torrago
Alexander Lazard

College of Sciences

Master of Science
Fahime Abbasinohoji, *Chemistry*
Irene Bonanomi, *Chemistry*
Emily Bowers, *Biological Sciences*
Anne Burleigh*, *Biological Sciences*
Semaj Brown, *Psychology*
John Clark, *Computer Science*
Wilke Coleman, *Earth & Environmental Science*
Lijing Cui, *Mathematics*
Kate Do*, *Biological Sciences*
Mohamed Elsheref, *Computer Science*
Alex Ha, *Biological Sciences*
MD Mahmud Hasan*, *Physics*
Maya Henderson, *Biological Sciences*
Victoria Henry, *Psychology*
Deja Hulbert, *Biological Sciences*
James Keen*, *Physics*
Antoine Kelly, *Psychology*
Annamarie Macaluso, *Chemistry*
Stephanie Mayer*, *Biological Sciences*
Sarah Millican*, *Biological Sciences*
Abdullah Naeem, *Computer Science*
Trisha Nguyen*, *Biological Sciences*
Chadiska Pascal, *Chemistry*
Terran Payne, *Psychology*
Shaun Pies, *Physics*
Hanieh Aghaei Ranjbar, *Chemistry*
Dante Scott, *Mathematics*
Shahnaz Sultana, *Biological Sciences*
Taylor Talbert, *Psychology*
Eric Vilhelmsen, *Cybersecurity & Operations*
Jared Wise, *Computer Science*
Tianjiu Zhou, *Mathematics*

Graduate Certificate Data Analytics
Khaled Leit

Graduate Certificate Coastal Sciences
Wilke Coleman

Graduate Certificate Machine Learning & Artificial Intelligence
John Clark
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Jared Wise

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Master of Science in Engineering

Batoul Alattas*
Sahil Bhatta
Agathe Desthomas
Aviral Kandel
Shaswat Koirala
Mohammad Javad Mohaghegh Kojidi
Martin Munger
Paytin Patin
John Prajwal
Alif Muhammad Shafiyee
Anupa Silwal
Patrick Washington

Master of Science in Engineering Management

Zaineb Alrashed*
Ali Ayyad
Melinda Barbee
Christina Brignac*
Yesid Ducon
Kennitra Oates
Rodrigo Rodriguez*
Matthew Smith
Derryn Thomas

Graduate Certificate Coastal Engineering

Agathe Desthomas

Henry Bernstein College of Business Administration

Master of Business Administration

Cora Abrams
De'quanna Alexander
Linda Arellano-Rivera
Jezebel Arnold
Nicole Bell
Stefanie Borger
Brent Boten
Robin Buquoi
Meagan Chauvin
Charlie Clerk
Kyle Conigliaro
Judy Darwish
Samuel Delaney
Elliot Ferran
Gayle Gardner
Sabrina Gipson
Ayana Gray
Connor Greco
Jena Hausman
Laura Hill
Ashley Joiner
Grant Lapeyronnie
Anna Martin
Henry Massicot
Jennifer Mccoy
Michael Muntzner
Mandy Nguyen
Teressa Nicosia
Nyah Pittman
Polina Sleptsova
Nicholas Stormanns
Jewel Tran
Tiffanie Walcott
Stephanie Yeates
Rita Zecchin

Master of Science

Joshua Alleman, *Finance*
Amanda Anthony, *Hospitality & Tourism Management*
Breshey Blanchard, *Hospitality & Tourism Management*
Norwood Borne, *Health Care Management*
Lance Bush, *Finance*
Stacey Chalin, *Health Care Management*
Bryant Daigle, *Accounting*
Kristina Evans, *Accounting*
Casi Gilbert, *Health Care Management*
Hailey Greer, *Health Care Management*
Siniyaa Hicks-Shaw, *Accounting*
Laila Howard, *Health Care Management*
Darlene Johnson, *Health Care Management*

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Master's Degrees

Kennedy Johnson, *Health Care Management*
Joseph Kelley, *Accounting*
Ben Kreider, *Accounting*
Jeremy Ledlow, *Hospitality & Tourism Management*
Hailey Lovell, *Accounting*
Madison Moya*, *Accounting*
Sohail Nejjar, *Hospitality & Tourism Management*
Nyerovwo Okei, *Health Care Management*
Pihilla Kankanamge Premasinghe, *Finance*
David Quevedo Ramirez*, *Accounting*
Gabriella Ramirez, *Health Care Management*
Sonia Romero, *Tax Accounting*
Luke Singleton, *Finance*
Jordan Smith, *Health Care Management*
Micah Stone, *Accounting*
Jinjiao Wang*, *Accounting*

Undergraduate Degrees

College of Liberal Arts, Education and Human Development

Samuel Gladden Ph.D., Dean

Bachelor of Arts

Manar Alhatel⧈
Sylena Badie
Gavin Beard
Andrea Beltran
Sophia Bennett◇
Cassandra Berni
Noah Birke✧
Nicole Bischone
Jolie Bordenave
Blair Bundy
James Case
Thomas Cleary
Seth Collins✧
Macy Crowden✧
Anthony Cutforth
Hunter Daigre
Rusan Daniels
Elisha Davis
Steven Dillon⧈
Owen Dismukes⧈
Julia Ducote
Reeana Farah✧
Peyton Foti
Heidi Garcia
Kristen Gill
Nathaniel Harwood⧈
Kori Hebert
Heather Hinton
Eyasu Kifle✧
Benjamin Kilpatrick
Reid Knighten
Torie LaCaze
Shelby Lanoux◇
Kevin Lawrence
Evelyn Lee✧
James Lerille⧈
Jacob Lloyd⧈
Teyonna Lofton
Jessica Lotz✧
Annaliese Mayer
Caitlin Moore
Annabel Morrison✧
Geoffrey Morrison
Shana Moten
Kathy Nguyen✧
Lyric Oxford✧
Brian Reel
Victoria Rhodes⧈
Matthew Rozzo✧
Clarissa Saravia
Marisa Scarlata
Adrienne Simmons✧

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Alexander Soileau
Stacia Springer
Samaria Stevenson◇
Michael Sturbaum
Lanchang Sun□
Austin Tran
Rachel Van Meter□
Cassondra Vanison
Sophia Wise
Jamarrianna Zepherin

Bachelor of Science
Aya Awadalla◇
Ayat Awadallah□
Annah Becnel
Victoria Bordelon
Renee Boudreaux
Oscar Brenes
Amanda Calegan
Dina Collazo
Tori Crews□
Katherine Davidson
Alejandro Escobar
Juliana Falanga◇
McKenzie Gray
Abigail Gribskov◇
Andrew Guidry
Mohammed Jamhour
Stephanie Khaled□
Marissa Lagasse
Emylea Lajaunie
Tiffany Le✧
Tuan Anh Le
Jacob LeBlanc
Candace Mire
Kelsey Nunez
Lauren Pigott
Taylor Stewart□
Camryn Turner
Alyssa Victoriana

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Bachelor of Science
Rama Abdair
Omar Abdelfattah
Ahmad Abdelwahab
Dunya Abdulkadhim◇
Aya Abukhalil
Momin Asif✧
Alyssa Autin
Gage Baillio
Ashley Baptiste
Jessica Barron
Kailey Bergeron✧
Ashley Berthelot
Cody Bertin
Leeza Bland
Heidi Brammer□
Kristina Bravo◇
Emily Broussard◇
Shamirah Bryant
Hung Bui
Tyler Carter
Christina Clement
Landen Colomer◇
Zoe Cooper
Taylor Cornist
Olivia Davis□
Samantha Deignan✧
Tatyana Edwards
Brianna Ellis
Alberto Fernandez-Caldera
Phoenix Finton
David Freixas
Ryan French
Lauren Fuller
Jewel Germany
Kelten Gonzales
Jakia Gray
Lenaoria Guerin□
Joshua Guzman□
Mary Habeb
Micah Hall
Wadia Hamed✧
Isra Hammad

Hubert Hancock
Tiyanna Harris
Hadeel Hassan
Luis Hinostroza
Nicholas Hull
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Malak Jabbar□
Reyann Jaber
Bailey James□
Shijun Jiang◇
Kirsten Jones
Jennifer Joseph
Ammar Kadic
Laith Khaled
Same'r Lane
Christopher Latournerie
Joshua Lebouef
Blake Lewis
Nicole Lonatro
Johny Lopez✧
Nicholas Maag✧
Madison Major
Viviann Manning
Callie Marshall
Kayla Marshall
Jeileen Martinez
Mitchell Mennelle
Nehlla Merilien
Emily Miller
Carlos Murillo
Isabel Nguyen
Tesnie Nguyen
Alexia Nguyen✧
Amanda Nguyen□
Justin Nguyen
Skylar Nguyen
Isabel Nguyen
Sabrina OQuain
Edward Osborn◇
Noor Ottallah
Clavin Pacheco Balbuena
Evelyn Pajon
Kumar Patahk
Joy Petes
Hanin Rabie□
Italia Ravasio
Abigail Reames
Mariana Rivera Bardales
Celeste Robert
Hailey Roberts
Max Roberts
Chalah Rock
Beck Rogers
Samuel Roy
Ericka Rubio
Mahdi Salem
Jakiara Sandifer
Leona Saputo
George Sartin
Brenden Schmidt
Joshua Shook
Madeleine Sibley□
Tori Simmons
Byron Smith
Kevin Smith Jr
Ma'ri Solomon
Jadi Stevenson
Keitel Suazo Garcia
Emalee Swisshelm□
Omar Taha
Shahed Thabata
Tanner Torosian✧
Jessica Tran✧
Dan Trethaway IV
Emilie Triche
Nghi Truong□
Ethan Turpin
Jordan Verret
Carlos Villegas□
Nguyen Vo□
Tala Wahib
Joseph Wallis Jr
Journee Washington
Sandra Wehbi
Carley Weinstein
Hayley Winther

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Haley Woods
Charles Wusthoff

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Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering

Yahya Abdelbaqi
Munir Altamimi
Abdulrahman Ayyad[□]
Darnell Brown
Christian Chauvin
Amanda Darda[□]
Kailyn Hammond Gouch
Alyssa Helwig
Emily Kosiorowski
Anthony Laroche
Johnny Le
Teresa Lewis[□]
Jaymin Lyons
Stephanie Mabou
Joshua Medina
Bayan Odeh
Tyler Pregeant
Iysar Salem
Madison Smith
Ryan Wade
Javohn Washington
Catherine Williams[□]

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering

Valeria Alarcon[□]
Rustin Bellanger
Aine Buchanan
Jacob Chatelain[✧]
Ryan Davis
Bryam Enamorado
Branger Hernandez
Bailey Ledet[□]
Nicholas Lout[□]
Chaz Mang
Mohammed Shalabi
Micheal Valentine

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Gabriel Ball
Sarah Chopin
Zachary Dumontier
Nicholas Dupaquier
Cameron Duplantier
Glen Gomez
Mary Anne Guzman
Jayce Himel
Tony Le
Zachary Loupe[□]
Mohamad Mohamad
Ciara Morse[□]
Selina Rollins
Joseph Scandaliato[✧]
Ashton Surrency
Ryan White
Matthew Wortmann
Zachary Zimmer

Bachelor of Science in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering

Jansen Pellegrin
Cole Picou

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Pamela Kennett-Hensel Ph.D., Dean

Bachelor of Science

Alberto Acosta
Catherine Adeola
Ahmed Afaneh
Elizabeth Aguilar
Isabella Aguirre-Schneide
Kevin Alegria
Mohammed Alkawajah
Sasha Alvarado
Kelcy Andino
Natalia Balan
Dwayne Barone

Irikas Bellock
Camille Bellow✧
Gabrielle Bernas
Nikolas Birkhoff
Ryan Blum
Dwendolyn Brown
Joyce Brown
Cindy Buse□
Rebecca Canady
Emily Carpenter
Elizabeth Carrone
Margaret Casey□
Conner Cate□
Gabriele Cepauskaite
Chenesha Coler□
Carleigh Combs
Janice Cruz
Yasin Darwish
Trang Dinh
Duy Do
Jevin Dubois
Clayton Dudley
Austin Duet
Paul Duhon
Grace Durel
Isis Duron de Enamora✧
Daniela Espinoza
Tyler Evans
Ethan Evans
Angela Frey
Maria Fuentes□
Morgan Gunnels□
Jo-El Harbison
Noah Hargrove
Baylee Herr
Glendon Hines
Quang Ho
Vu Hoang
Anthony Huynh
Finley Ice
Nakia James
Estaniel Jeanpierre✧
Alexis Joseph
Tai Juan
Rheagan Kenny
Nathaniel Kinchen□
Rasheed Lacour
Ian Landry
Nhi Le✧
Amy Le
Mitchell Ledet
Gina Li
Jessica Manzanarez
Juanye Marshall
Mikaela Martin
Francisco Martinez
Kaila McCluskey
Yudelca Medina
Carli Michel
Kimberly Molder
Vincent Montagnino
Trellis Morgan
Louis Murphy
Diamond Muse
Hale Neitzschman
Joshua Newsom◇
Christian Nguyen◇
Tommy Nguyen
Gavin O'brien✧
Bedreya Omar✧
Laran Padua
James Payne
Glenda Pineda
Michael Plauche□
William Pontiff
Frederick Quinn
JoNa Raheem
Jalen Rainey
Jacob Rau
Abigail Richard
Mary Richardel
Colin Richards
Kinley Rivera✧
Amanda Robertson
Robert Rodriguez Jr
Christopher Rome
Chauncey Royster

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Daniel Ruiz□
Austra Ruiz
Tejan Salaam
Danyell Saleh✧
Gretzalie Salinas
Jason Santiago
Emily Schneider
Madison Seals
Stephen Serou
Qusey Shafei
Clara Sicotte
Kaliyah Sincere
Laci Slaton
Gabriel Solis
Caleb Stearns
Emily Sule
Sydney Sutherland
London Taylor
David Tesic□
Sarah Tran✧
Tony Tran
Kindole Trepagnier
Duc Truong
Bailey Usey□
Carlos Varela□
Ryne Vollenweider
Issac Williams
Trellyah Williams
Rory Williams II
Tomeka Young Marshall
Nagham Zeidan
Rebeca Zempoalteca Castro□
Fatima Zughayer□

School of Interdisciplinary Studies

Scott W. Pentzer Ph.D., Director

Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies

Ross Aucoin
Juwairiyyah Azhar✧
Serena Baumgart
Trinity Bracey
Darian Carter-Pace
Stephen Cassreino
Darell Collins
Kelli Davis
Leslie Dicharry
Kylwanna Dickerson□
Sultana Eugene
Nicholas Ferg
Harley Foret
Adryanna Glover
Tara Goolsby
Emily Guillory
Ashlie Hood
Erica Hubbard
Gannon Hyer
Jayla Kimbrough
Cooper Lemons
Aliyah Lombard
Taylor Matherne□
Jude Matthews
Lester McCalebb
Ashly Mcloney✧
Daniel Meche
Montrell Miller
Kallie Robichaux
Patricia Sherrill□
Jeffery Watkins
Brendan Winters
Andy Wu

◇Summa Cum Laude ✧Magna Cum Laude □Cum Laude *Summer Graduate

The Alma Mater

UNO, Our Alma Mater
Proud we stand to sing your fame
UNO
We honor your dear name.

Mem'ries will linger on
When our years with you have gone
And keep us true
to the Silver and Blue.

Lyrics by Deborah H. Crosby | Music from The Overture to the Consecration of the House by Ludwig van Beethoven

Commencement Commentary

Awarding degrees at the University of New Orleans and most other American universities follows a practice that can be traced back to the University of Paris during the early part of the 11th century. The Bishop of Paris, like every other bishop at the time, was responsible for local educational curricula and degree granting. His authority in these matters, however, was challenged by the teachers. They asserted that only they could be the proper judges of the qualifications of their students. This threatened impasse was resolved by a compromise under which the teachers, or masters, judged the merits of the students and then recommended them to the Bishop for degrees. A secularized version of that arrangement is represented in today's ceremony, during which college deans are certifying that the student candidates are qualified to receive their degrees.

Academic Regalia

The caps and gowns worn by graduates and faculty are based on costumes used in universities of the 14th and 15th centuries, particularly at Oxford and Cambridge in England. This academic dress has been used in the United States from colonial times and was standardized by an Intercollegiate Code in 1895. Like the military of medieval times with its pages, squires and knights, the academic world has long had three basic grades of dignity and achievement. These are bachelors, masters and doctoral. The distinction between masters and doctors is comparatively recent; both imply the right to teach.

Black is the most common color for academic gowns, though UNO's gowns are customized UNO blue. There is no trimming on the gowns for the bachelor's or master's degrees. For the doctoral degree, the gown is faced down the front with black or colored velvet and with three bars of the same across the sleeves. The color in the master's costume is restricted to the hood worn around the neck and down the back. This hood is lined with silk of a color which indicates the subject area of the degree received. Thus the master's hood from The University of New Orleans is customized UNO blue, lined in silver with a blue chevron and edged in white velvet for Arts, Letters, and Humanities, copper for Accounting, drab for Business, light blue for Education, orange for Engineering, brown for Fine Arts and Urban and Regional Planning, sage

green for Health and Physical Education, pink for Music, dark blue for Philosophy, peacock blue for Public Administration, and golden yellow for Sciences.

Doctors have a larger and more open hood, which is lined with the colors of the degree-granting institution and trimmed with the color of the degree (Doctor of Philosophy) received. As noted above, gowns have black or colored velvet on the sleeves and the front. Usually doctors will wear a gold tassel on their cap. In recent years, some universities have broken away from the traditional scheme and allowed their doctors to wear brighter, more original costumes. For instance, Yale's blue with black trim and Harvard's crimson and black.

Hoods are not worn by candidates for bachelor's degrees at UNO, but their academic discipline is denoted by the color of their mortarboard tassels. Candidates expected to graduate with honors wear a UNO blue and silver cord.

Accounting – Drab
Anthropology – White
Arts Administration – White
Biological Sciences – Golden Yellow
Business Administration – Drab
Chemistry – Golden Yellow
Civil Engineering – Orange
Computer Science – Golden Yellow
Counselor Education – Light Blue
Creative Writing – White
Curriculum & Instruction – Light Blue
Earth and Environmental Sciences – Golden Yellow
Education – Light Blue
Educational Administration – Light Blue
Electrical Engineering – Orange
Elementary Education – Light Blue
Engineering – Orange
Engineering and Applied Sciences – Golden Yellow or Orange
Engineering Management – Orange
Engineering Science – Orange
English – White
Film and Theatre Arts – Brown
Finance – Drab
Financial Economics – Copper
Fine Arts – Brown
Health Care Management – Drab
Higher Education Administration – Light Blue
History – White
Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Administration – Drab
Hospitality and Tourism Management – Drab
Human Performance & Health Promotion – Sage Green
Interdisciplinary Studies – White
International Studies – White
Management – Drab
Marketing – Drab
Mathematics – Golden Yellow
Mechanical Engineering – Orange
Music – Pink
Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering – Orange
Philosophy – Dark Blue
Physics and Applied Physics – Golden Yellow
Political Science – White
Psychology – Golden Yellow
Public Administration – Peacock Blue
Romance Languages – White
Secondary Education – Light Blue
Sociology – White
Special Education – Light Blue
Tax Accounting – Drab
Transportation – Blue-Violet
Urban and Regional Planning – Blue-Violet
Urban Studies – Blue-Violet

Academic Ceremonies

Many factors — such as the nature of the institution, the size of the graduating class, the weather, and the place of ceremony (indoors or outdoors) — affect the details of academic ceremonies. Institutions have wide latitude in meeting these conditions, and consequently there is considerable variation in customs. At UNO, the commencement procession is composed of representatives of the faculty and a platform party, which is seated on the stage. The platform party consists of university administration officials, representatives of the Board of Supervisors of the University of Louisiana System, the commencement speaker, and distinguished guests.

Degrees are announced in descending order, with doctorates first and bachelor's degrees last.

The University of New Orleans, then LSUNO, conferred its first bachelor's degrees to 65 candidates at the Spring Commencement of 1962. Its first master's degrees were awarded to six graduate students in 1965 and the first doctoral degree in 1967.

**Adapted in part from American Universities and Colleges, 6th Edition, Washington; American Council on Education, 1971.*

University Mace

The University of New Orleans Mace is borne before the Platform Party as a symbol of authority in the Procession and Recession.

The Mace was first presented on September 6, 1988, at the Academic Convocation commemorating the 30th anniversary of the University's opening. Commissioned in January 1988, the Mace was conceptualized by Professor Howard Jones, Chairman of the Department of Fine Arts, and refined and executed by Mr. Doug MacCash, a graduate assistant working under the supervision of Professor Jones.

Subtle features of the artifact symbolize the composition, mission, and vitality of the University. Emblematic of authority, the Mace features engravings of the name and year of appointment of each of the University's leaders.

The President's Medallion

Traditionally, a University's chief executive officer possesses a badge of office that he or she wears at convocations, commencements or other ceremonial occasions. To honor that custom, the original Chancellor's Medallion was struck and presented on the occasion of the inauguration of Dr. Leon J.V. Richelle, UNO's second leader, in 1981. In commemoration of UNO's 50th Anniversary in 2008, the UNO Federal Credit Union presented to the University the gift of a new medallion to be worn by Chancellor Timothy P. Ryan and all successors to that office. With the transfer of UNO to the University of Louisiana System, the leader is the President.

The entire antiqued silver-plated four-inch medallion and chain feature the University of New Orleans seal encircled by fourteen one-and-one-half inch squares and seventeen banners. Twelve of the squares are engraved with UNO above a fleur-de-lis. Two squares are engraved with the 50th Anniversary emblem. Six of the banners are engraved with UNO's leaders' names and dates of service. The banner immediately above the medallion bears the word President. Variations of this medallion may be struck on special occasions to honor extraordinary and distinguished service to the University.

Alumni

The University of New Orleans Alumni Association provides fun and meaningful opportunities for graduates to stay connected to and engaged with UNO. The association hosts alumni events year-round, promotes the success of UNO students and builds awareness of UNO's importance to our community and region. In addition to national discounts on travel, merchandise, insurance products, UNO bookstore purchases, library and fitness center privileges, the benefits of membership also include opportunities for professional networking and leadership development, a business directory for UNO-run businesses and more.

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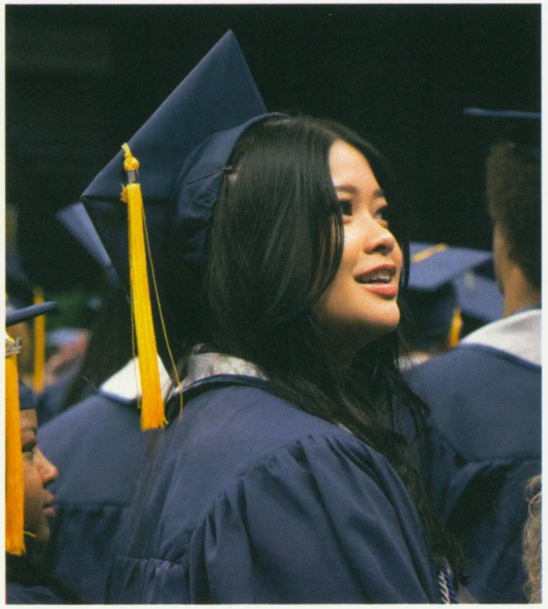

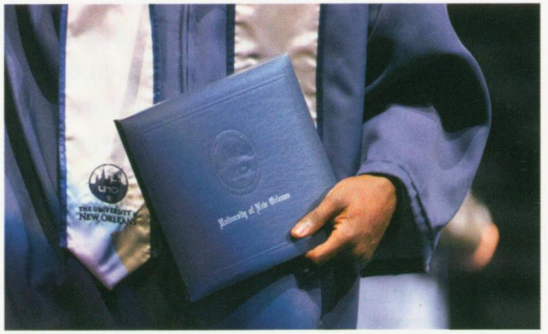

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The list of candidates for graduation was prepared before final grades were reported; thus, the listing of a name in this program should not be construed as documentation that the person listed will, in fact, receive a degree from the University of New Orleans. Conversely, some students who are not listed may be awarded degrees.

The same applies to the listing of students graduating with honors.

We want your feedback! Please scan to complete a brief survey about your commencement experience.